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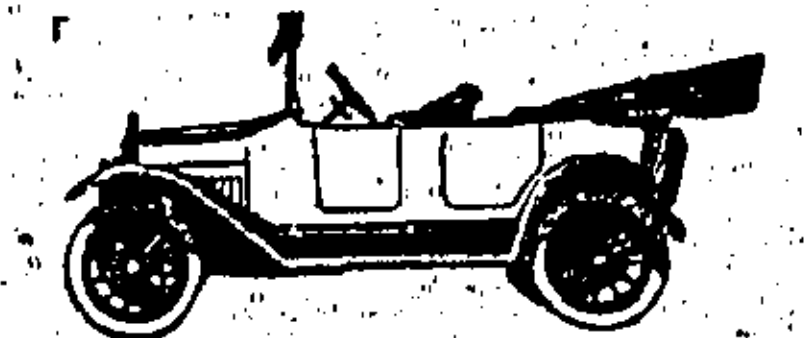
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FRANCO-BELGIAN ATTACK IN FLANDERS.

NUMEROUS VILLAGES AND CIVILIANS LIBERATED.

6,000 PRISONERS AND CONSIDERABLE BOOTY.

London, Oct. 15.

1.20 a.m.

A Belgian communiqué states:—
At 5.30 this morning Belgian troops, closely co-operating with the French, attacked on a front of over 20 kilometres between the Handzame Canal and the Roulers-Menin road, breaking the enemy resistance. Our troops considerably progressed on the whole front, liberating the villages of Handzame, Cortemarck, Geite, St. Joseph, Hoedele, Bevelen, Rumbekke, Eylethem, Ouchens and Winkel Ste. Ley.

Towards midday the French carried the town of Roulers by assault. Further east the Belgians in the course of fighting advanced over 10 kilometres, carrying Shieghem, and reached the outskirts of Dendeled, freeing numerous civilians.

The Belgian advance varies between four and ten kilometres. Allied airmen performed most useful work and already 6,000 prisoners have been counted, half captured by the French and half by the Belgians.

Six complete batteries have been captured and also uncounted guns and considerable booty.

The enemy started fires at Roulers, Cortemarck, Hoedele and Geite, and caused a number of explosions at Roulers.

BATTLE MAY DEVELOP INTO GREAT SUCCESS.

BIG HAUL OF BOOTY ANTICIPATED.

London, Oct. 15.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

It may reasonably be presumed that the Germans expected this attack on a grand scale. Undoubtedly the enemy had done all that his dwindling man-power permitted him, to strengthen this front, but the divisions which had been in line for any considerable time were recently relieved by fresh troops.

The weather was favourable for us and the going was tolerably good. The hostile reply to our barrage was slight owing to the Germans having lost many guns here, and their policy of saving their artillery even at the expense of the infantry.

The heaviest enemy resistance was between Kigelsberg and Ledghem where the Prussian Guards and the Ersatz fought vigorously until forced to retreat after very heavy losses. Shoals of prisoners are coming in. The Whippets are co-operating with the Belgians, but no Tanks are participating in our attack.

The enemy defences are mostly improvised machine-gun posts, and the battle may develop into yet another of the great successes to which we are becoming accustomed. It does not seem over-optimistic to anticipate a big haul of booty.

THE ALLIED LINE IN FLANDERS.

London, Oct. 15.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this morning, says:—

The Allied line in Flanders this morning runs 2,000 yards beyond Roulers, east of Batavia and across the Canal at Brueburg.

German airmen yesterday suffered heavily, 20 machines being brought down.

The attack was resumed this morning.

GERMANY'S SUDDEN SOLICITUDE FOR CIVILIANS.

FUGITIVES FROM LILLE AND VALENCIENNES.

IS IT ANOTHER TRICK?

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15.

A Berlin official message states that the German Command has requested the Swiss Government to inform the French that owing to fears of a bombardment, a general panic is probable among the civilians in the regions of Lille and Valenciennes, and intimates that the Dutch Government has been asked and agrees to shelter fugitives as far as possible.

A second Berlin message announces the flight of 80,000 civilians and proposes that the Allies shall agree to refrain from bombarding towns in the north of France, adding that Germany is prepared to come to an agreement for part of the population to cross into the enemy lines. Failing compliance, Germany will not be responsible for the fate of the civilians in occupied territory.

GERMANS DESTROY LENS MINES.

PARIS, Oct. 15.

The Germans have displayed great ingenuity in flooding the Lens mines and blowing up all valuable machinery which they were not able to carry away, making it impossible to work the mines for two years.

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INTIMATIONS

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office at noon on SATURDAY the 19th of October, 1918.

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Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1918. 756

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Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1918. 813

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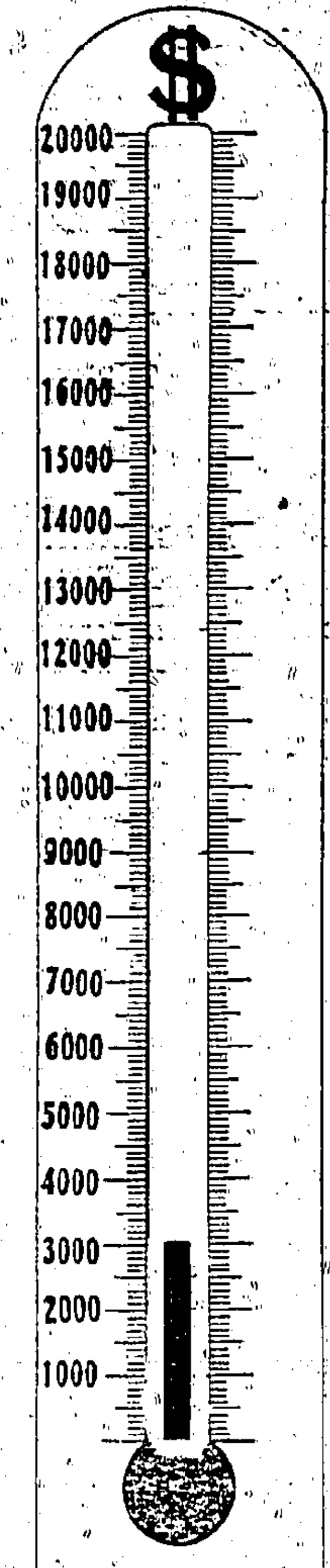
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LORD FRENCH'S TRIBUTE TO MARSHAL FOCH.

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Lord French, at a speech delivered in Belfast, paid a generous tribute to the genius of Marshal Foch.

We have witnessed (he said) on the Aisne and in Champagne an exhibition of leadership and military genius which would probably cause the name of Marshal Foch to rank in history among the world's greatest commanders.

With the utmost bravery and tenacity the French Army disputed the ground foot by foot throughout the first great onslaught. Slowly falling back in excellent order, they held position after position with such stubborn gallantry as to inflict unheard-of losses on the advancing Germans.

Although the capital was closely threatened and their communications in danger their movements were carried out deliberately, with precision, and with a total absence of anything like panic or disorder. Just at the right moment, in the nick of time, when the enemy had easily got into the trap so cunningly laid, the scene changed like magic, and with an irresistible rush, the French turned round on the enemy.

The counter-attack was too fresh in their minds to read any remainder of it from him. This had come about because the hand of one great commander was at the helm on the Western front. The unity of command had at last been established, and the armies on the Western front were being led in unison by the greatest soldier that this war had produced—Marshal Foch. (Cheers.)

The establishment of this unity of command was in reality the work of the Prime Minister. Of all the many war reforms initiated and carried through by Mr. Lloyd George none would be found to be so pregnant with the germs of victory as this last measure.

Lord French was presented at Belfast with addresses from the corporation and 23 other public bodies. In reply he said that the gallant deeds of the Ulster Division would always be recounted with pride in the annals of the Empire. Amid applause, he conferred the honour of knighthood on the Lord Mayor, Alderman James Johnston.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT SEA.

WHY PASSPORTS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

In a written answer to Sir Henry Craik, who asked whether the Admiralty is responsible for the increased stringency of the conditions under which passports are issued for women and children passing overseas, Dr. Macnamara says:—

The Admiralty, as the Department of State solely responsible for the safety of vessels at sea and as the only Department with a full knowledge of the submarine situation and of the dangers involved by sea voyages, take full responsibility for stating that it is essential during the war to restrict severely the travelling of women and children overseas.

The grounds on which the Admiralty have considered it necessary to obtain the concurrence of all the Government Departments concerned to this restriction are as follows:—

(a) The presence of women and children on board ship at the present time adds very considerably to the responsibility and anxiety of the master, and serious hampers his freedom of action in attacking an enemy vessel if met with.

(b) Should a vessel carrying women and children be torpedoed, the necessity of saving the women and children very materially reduces the chance of saving any military or naval ranks on board and leads to the loss of merchant seamen who might otherwise have been saved, and makes a demand upon the self-sacrifice and chivalry of the men who ought not to be imposed upon them.

(c) It is considered essential that vessels carrying women and children through the danger zone should be protected whenever possible. Unless the numbers to be carried be severely restricted, sufficient protection could only be given by withdrawing protection from vessels carrying troops or essential supplies on which the country depends.

(d) The presence of women and children on board ship has recently necessitated a complete convoy being taken into port in order that the women, whose nerves had been seriously affected by the sinking of ships in company, might be sent home overland.

(e) The risk of drowning to the women

and children themselves, which is obviously greater than for men.

The necessity for restricting the travelling of women and children overseas being therefore unquestionable, the Admiralty have, with the assistance and complete concurrence of all the Departments of State concerned, framed certain rules, under which no women or children under the age of 16 years may travel by sea through the danger zone. The exceptions to this are women on duty and very urgent cases in which the refusal to grant a passport would involve great hardship. In such exceptional cases children could not be refused permits to accompany their mothers, if necessary.

These rules are administered at home by the Departments concerned, and oversea by their representatives, but in order to ensure consistent treatment, all cases in which the refusal to issue a passport might involve great hardship are referred for decision to an Inter-Departmental Committee, of which the Admiralty representative is chairman, and passports are issued by the Foreign Office upon the committee's recommendation only.

It will therefore be seen that while the Admiralty accept entire responsibility for drawing attention to the necessity for restricting the travelling of women and children overseas, the Departments of State are equally responsible for the framing and administration of these rules, while the responsibility for deciding cases of hardship rests with the Inter-Departmental Passport Committee. Further, as stated by my right hon. friend the Minister of Blockade in the House of Commons on February 5, 1918, the restriction on women and children travelling overseas, save in exceptional cases of urgent necessity, was laid down with the approval of the War Cabinet.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

FRENCH PROGRESS CONTINUES.

MANY TOWNS RECOVERED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
A French communiqué states:—
During the night and early this morning, we progressed at different points on the front.
South of the Somme we captured Remies, Barenton, Cel and Moncaulieu-Vaux.
West of Bethel we took Nanthuill-sous-Avesnes.
West of Grandpre we progressed beyond the Aisne. We held Clizy and Termes.
We took over 800 prisoners here.

THE AMERICAN FRONT.

GAS EMPLOYED FREELY ON BOTH SIDES.

VERY VIOLENT FIGHTING.

LONDON, Oct. 14.
Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing at noon to-day, says:—
The bombardment along the American front was more violent to-day, both sides employing great quantities of gas.
On the left of the sector our artillery and machine-gun fire cut down Germans advancing in open order attempting to regain ground.

LETHAL GASES USED IN MEUSE SECTOR.

REPEATED ENEMY ASSAULTS.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—
The Americans yesterday moved up their line to St. George's and Landreth St. George's, after a bitter struggle.
East of the Meuse we reached Sivy and Magneta Farm. At Romagny the Germans fought valiantly to hold back the Americans, bringing up a new Guards Division. The Germans flooded the woods and ravines with mustard and lethal gases.
Chailien Woods, covering the high hill south of Romagny, was very stubbornly defended.
The Americans gained the summit in the evening, after being repeatedly thrown back. Thousand of prisoners have been sent back.

THE DEVASTATION IN NORTHERN FRANCE.

ENEMY ASCRIBES IT TO FRENCH AND BRITISH.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15.
A Berlin official telegram protests against the unheard-of French and British agitation regarding the so-called systematic devastation of Northern France in the course of the backward movement of German troops.
It ascribes the devastation to French and British artillery.

CRITICAL CONDITION OF GERMANY.

AMERICAN MENACE REALISED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
A telegram received in London to-day further confirms the critical condition of Germany. Consternation is growing, especially in Berlin, owing to the magnitude of the American efforts beginning to be realised.

NO MILITARY RELAXATION BY AMERICA.

250,000 MEN TO BE SENT MONTHLY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.
It has been announced from the White House that the Government will continue to send over 250,000 men with their supplies monthly. There will be no relaxation of any kind.

Reuter learns that President Wilson's Reply practically reflects the view of the entire Entente.

THE PEACE QUESTION.

WILL THE KAISER ABDICATE?

A BERLIN DENIAL AND A LIEPZIG DEMAND.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15.
It is semi-officially denied in Berlin that the Kaiser intends to abdicate.
The *Leipziger Volkszeitung* says: "The Kaiser is wholly responsible for the present situation. His departure is imperative."

THE GERMAN PEACE OVERTURES.

ARMISTICE FIRST AND EVACUATION AFTERWARDS.

THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
The German Press, commenting on the reply to President Wilson, reveals how wide is the gulf between the belligerents, despite Germany's avowed agreement with President Wilson.
The unanimous tenor of the comment is that the armistice should first commence and the evacuation afterwards.
The paper's foreboding most lengthy paragraphs after which, it unsuccessfully from the German point of view, "Germany will not be deluged even after the evacuation."

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.
The official text of the German reply to President Wilson's first Note has been received whereupon President Wilson, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Baker and Mr. Daniels held a two-hour conference, at the White House.
[The result was the answer to Germany which we published yesterday.—Ed.]
In the Senate, Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, moved a resolution against further communications with the German Government on the subject of an armistice except on the question of unconditional surrender.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.
The majority of the newspapers in the United States consider that President Wilson's reply calls for the complete overthrow of the Hohenzollern dynasty and unconditional surrender.

EVERYBODY PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY.

INTERESTING CONSEQUENCES IN BERLIN EXPECTED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
Everybody is delighted with President Wilson's Reply, which entirely removes any groundless impression he might unconsciously lend himself on the German attempt to break the political unity of the Allies. His reminder that any armistice must provide the maintenance of the Allies' Military supremacy and his references to the inhuman practices at sea and on land are especially welcomed, while his warning over the implications of the Mount Vernon speech is regarded as equivalent to telling Germany that the Kaiser and his military party must go. The reply, it is expected, will have interesting consequences in Berlin.

ALLIES AND GERMAN PEACE NOTE.

VIEWS EXCHANGED AND UNFAVOURABLE REPLY EXPECTED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
It is affirmed that the Allies have already exchanged views as regards the peace situation, which indicate the probability of an unfavourable reply to the German Peace move.

AUTOCRACY MUST GO.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY APPLAUDED IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.
In the Senate President Wilson's Reply was read and vigorously applauded.
The unanimous opinion is that it means that Autocracy must go.

NEW CHIEF OF KAISER'S CIVIL CABINET.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 14.
A message from Berlin says that Herr Dellbrück, a former Home Secretary, has been appointed the Chief of the Kaiser's Civil Cabinet.

ATTEMPT TO REMOVE PRINCE MAX.

ANOTHER PROBABLE SPLIT IN GERMAN POLITICAL CAMP.

LONDON, Oct. 14.
There are indications from independent sources that another political crisis is brewing in Germany. The members of the Left Wing party are trying to oust Prince Max from the Chancellorship, owing to his letter to Prince Hohenzollern, dated on the 7th.

BAVARIAN SOCIALISTS' RESOLUTION.

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR GERMAN STATES DEMANDED.

ZURICH, Oct. 15.
The Bavarian Socialist Party held a meeting at Munich on Sunday and passed a resolution urging the Reichstag to appoint a State Court to try all, even the highest, who are guilty of frustrating peace efforts and also demanding self-government for the German States.

ALLIED OCCUPATION OF ESSEN SUGGESTED.

LONDON, Oct. 14.
The *Manchester Guardian* suggests, in the event of an armistice, the Allied occupation of Essen as a security that the interval will not be utilised to build up fresh resistance. It points out that the Allies would require military compensation for permission to allow the enemy to retire unmolested, and concludes by demanding that Germany shall be compelled to do whatever is necessary for the expiation and reparation of the safety of the world.

BRITISH OFFICIALS IN RUSSIA.

ALL TO BE RELEASED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
Reuter learns that the Moscow Authorities have agreed to release the remaining British officials in Russia.

GERMANY MUST BE RENDERED HARMLESS.

FRANCE UNANIMOUS NOT TO TREAT WITH ENEMY.

PARIS, Oct. 14.
It is semi-officially stated that the proposal for an armistice is an attempt to save German arms from a complete defeat. France is unanimous not to treat with the enemy until he is rendered completely harmless.

GERMAN EXCUSE FOR "LEINSTER" AND "HIRANO-MARU" SINKINGS.

INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF WAR.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 14.
The new German Government, in an official note on the *Hirano-maru* and *Leinster* crimes, excuses the outrages as the inevitable consequence of war.

INTENSIFIED SUBMARINISM.

NEW CAMPAIGN IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Oct. 14.
Sir Eric Geddes' warning speech at Washington that Germany amid the peace offensive, was preparing for intensified submarine warfare is confirmed by various announcements in Germany. For example, the *Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung* assures its readers that submarine warfare will reach its climax in winter and "will produce an economic crisis in the Entente countries of unexpected dimensions." Captain Persius, writing in the *Tageblatt*, speaks of "an impending great increase in submarine, to which Germany will confidently look, should the Entente refuse peace."

AUSTRIAN PREMIER RESIGNS.

COUNT TAROUKA TO FORM NEW MINISTRY.

PARIS, Oct. 15.
A message from Vienna states that the Emperor Karl has accepted the resignation of the Austrian Premier, Dr. Husarek, and has charged Count Tarouka to form a Ministry.

FUTURE OF DUAL MONARCHY.

POSSIBLE BREAK UP.

LONDON, Oct. 14.
A message from Budapest says that Count Tisa, in a speech, admitted the possibility of the breaking up of the Dual Monarchy.

UNITED & INDEPENDENT POLAND.

A GERMAN STATEMENT REFUTED.

LONDON, Oct. 14.
A Polish Committee in London officially describes as absolutely false the German allegation, dated on the 11th, as regards Poland's desire of Germany's continued occupation of Poland.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 14.
Owing to the German acceptance of President Wilson's fourteen points Prussian Poles have issued a manifesto demanding a united and independent Poland with access to the sea, in which connection the *Lokal Anzeiger* cynically comments that the Government will know how to reply to this new-found courage.

TURKEY'S PEACE NOTE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.

The Turkish Peace Note was received through the Spanish Ambassador. It asks President Wilson to undertake the re-establishment of peace and to notify the belligerents of this demand and invite them to delegate plenipotentiaries to initiate negotiations. It accepts as a basis of negotiations President Wilson's programme in his speeches of January 8th and September 20th (1918) and requests an immediate armistice.

GERMAN INHUMANITIES.

STORIES BY BRITISH PRISONERS.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
Appalling stories of the sufferings of the British taken prisoner in the last spring offensive are recorded by the Committee presided over by Mr. Justice Younger to add yet another black and unforgettable chapter to the volume of "German war inhumanities."

The report shows that prisoners were compelled to serve German guns on pain of summary execution. Prison camps were often located near the German front-line. Consequently occupants were frequently killed by British gun fire.
Almost incredible and yet carefully sifted accounts are published of how the prisoners were provided with the most meagre quantities of bread and coffee as the sole sustenance and not provided with any form of shelter, heat or warmth, or even water for washing. They were forced to work hard for seven days in the week and cruelly maltreated by sentries. The men were reduced to collecting nettles as food. Even doctors violently assaulted the British patients.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION OF LIBERTY LOAN URGED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.
President Wilson has issued a statement urging over-subscription of the Liberty Loan in order "to secure peace on our own terms."

COMPULSORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR LOANS.

MELBOURNE, Oct. 15.
Under the Federal scheme of compulsory contributions to War Loans, companies and other bodies will be liable as well as individuals.

TRAIN DISASTER IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
A message from Vienna to Amsterdam says the Bukharest express fell into the river near Pilsen, owing to heavy rains undermining the rails. A hundred persons were killed and 200 seriously injured.

THE BALKANS.

ALLIES LIBERATING TERRITORIES.

AUSTRIAN GENERAL ADMINISTERING ALBANIA CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.
A French Eastern communiqué states:—
The Serbians, supported by the Allies, continue to liberate territories. The Greeks, participating, are re-occupying Eastern Macedonia.
In the course of brilliant fighting, resulting in the capture of Prizrend and Mitrovitz, the French captured a number of prisoners, including the Austrian General Commanding the Administration in Albania. Large booty was captured.

ITALIANS CAPTURE DURAZZO.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

An Italian official report, regarding operations in Albania, says:—
After forcing the defences to the heights of Paljama and Samsa Bianco the Italians on the 14th inst. captured Durazzo, taking prisoners and material.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 4.)

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK referring to the official of Government officials said the time had come for a revision of salaries on modern lines. He would also like to see provision made for an up-to-date motor-car for the use of Government House. The time was coming when distinguished visitors would be visiting the Colony, and a more presentable conveyance than the old-fashioned vehicle now in use was desirable. On Education, Mr. HOLYOAK drew attention to the overcrowding of Saiyungun School and the need for larger buildings. Also he thought the Headmaster of the School should be put on the same basis as the Headmaster of the Ellis Kadoorie School with regard to salary. The hon. member also made reference to the question of the education of the sons and daughters of Europeans, who owing to existing circumstances were unable to send their children home to be educated. He complained that the Victoria Hospital building had not been used for the purpose it was intended, and for some time past no maternity cases had been accepted. Unless the Government could see its way clear to deal with the matter he proposed to ask for a commission of enquiry. He congratulated the Government upon the work done on the roads but he would like to see Kennedy Road open to motor traffic especially as it would shortly be the terminus to the Peak Tramway. Referring to charitable services, Mr. HOLYOAK recommended the donation to the Alice Memorial Hospital should be increased to \$1,000. With regard to the sum of \$15,000 allocated to German charitable institutions he thought it would have been better to describe the item as charitable institutions taken over from the Germans. Dealing with the Widows and Orphans fund, Mr. HOLYOAK said the Government must be aware of the dissatisfaction expressed in connection with this fund. So far as he could make out from the estimates a sum of over \$50,000 remained and after pensions had been allowed for, a profit of \$18,000 was left over for 1919. He mentioned the matter because he had had deputation after deputation during the last six months upon the subject. He would like a full investigation of the matter.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD described the premises of the Lunatic Asylum and the Government Civil Hospital as a standing disgrace to the Colony and urged the Government to rebuild on more suitable sites. Among other questions the hon. member discussed the Housing Problem. He welcomed the proposed new roads as a first step and said the next step was the leasing of suitable sites at a reasonable cost. He further suggested that the Government should lend money for the erection of houses at a low rate of interest.
The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook and the Hon. Mr. DODWELL also spoke and the Hon. Mr. T. L. PERKINS and the Hon. Mr. THOMSON replied at length to questions involved.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, Aug. 10.

THE MINERS AND THE NEWER POLITICS.

It has been asserted that all the best of the miners entered the Army as volunteers three years ago. If we judge by the proceedings at the annual conference of the Scottish miners there is a good deal of truth in this statement. All conferences, of course, are apt to become a rubbish heap of futile resolutions; they cause a day or two's agitation, and then they contravert the doctrine of the good Determinist, that every action has an eternal effect. It would not be easy, however, for another delegation of Scotsmen to come together and detach themselves so entirely from utility and sagacity as the miners' representatives did last week. They began by appealing for a larger output of coal, for less absenteeism, and for greater efficiency at the pits. The manifesto, if it meant anything, declared that the miners might, by exerting themselves, add a great deal to the coal supply. What followed? Immediately the Executive of the Fife district warned the miners under them that if they did not desist from working twelve days a fortnight the pits would be picketted and laid idle. Then the conference passed a resolution directing that a ballot be taken over the whole Scottish coal field as to the adoption of a working week of 80 hours, five days of six hours. This, however, they kindly announced, would be "an after-the-war measure." Next came the demand for the coldest claim that has yet been made: to be treated as a privileged class. One of the districts moved that the miners be immune from Income Tax up to a limit of £200; that they receive double pay when they condescend to work more than five days a week (to give added value no doubt to their tax immunity); and that they receive double rations of all rationed commodities. The double rations, fortunately for the rest of the nation, was not pressed. To round off their programme of social reform—for the time being—the miners resolved that the Government be asked to provide an allowance of 5s. weekly for every child born in a working man's family; presumably it was designed that the payment should go on till the child was able to earn an income for itself. In that case, a working man, thoroughly emancipated from the prevailing prejudice against large families, might find himself in possession of quite a handsome income on the strength of his contributions to citizenship alone. But for the danger of losing his invaluable designation, he might, with a nice old-fashioned family of eight or nine, give up being a working man. It is a curious thing that the financial imagination of large numbers of the Socialistically disposed should have thoroughly liberated themselves from all restraint just when the country has come under a mountain of debt. The great majority of the Scottish miners, no doubt, are more reasonable than the Socialists who have captured their trade union machine. But resolutions such as these throw a lurid light on the aims of our "newer politics."

DEATH OF MR. J. E. SUTHERLAND.

The death is announced of Mr. John E. Sutherland, M.P. for the Elgin Burghs since 1905. He was the sole partner of the well-known firm of P. & J. Sutherland, fish curers, Portsoy, whose business connection extended to all the principal centres on the British coast. Their name was also well-known in the herring markets of the Continent. They were, indeed, pioneers in the development of the fishing industry on the North-East Coast of Scotland. An effective public speaker, Mr. Sutherland made a favourable impression on the House of Commons, and his special knowledge of the fishery industry was recognised by the Government on several occasions.

WOMEN HARVESTING FLAX AND FRUIT.

This year Scotswomen in greater numbers are volunteering for essential work on the land and thereby helping the nation to get on with the war. They are busy in the fields of Fife and on the fruit farms of Perthshire, and they are being organised to undertake any possible work in connection with the ordinary harvest. In the past flax has been grown in Scotland, but the 1,800 acres planted this year in Fife in response to the call of the Government, introduced a

crop beyond anything previously attempted. The flax, of course, had to be found to make good the shortage caused by the shutting up of the Russian ports. The many opportunities now open to women, and the high wages paid, make recruiting for any new industry very difficult. This particular and important harvest of flax, however, establishes a direct link between the glimmer in the field and our supremacy in the air—flax for aeroplane wings. The appeal sent forth—and over 1,200 women responded. Of these a good many are from the artisans' homes in Fife-shire. It was necessary to tap sources of women not already in occupations, and the wives of miners and other workmen are for the short period of the harvest combining the work in the fields with their domestic curbs. Some 200 professional women, teachers and students, have also undertaken the work and are accommodated in three camps. Already 800 Scotswomen have been down in Somerset helping with the flax there; and the English farmers were much impressed with the adaptability of the girls who had come straight from class-room and desk to work on the land. Berry-picking in Perthshire is in full swing, about 4,000 women being employed at Blairgowrie and Auchterarder. A certain number of the fruit farms are reserved for professional girls, teachers, students, and others who make a war-time holiday of the fruit harvest. These "lady helps" come from points as far apart as Wick and London.

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